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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS
SUBJ: MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CHAD

REF: TEHRAN 6960

1. IN BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH VICE PRESIDENT DJIME
THIS MORNING I TOOK LINE IN REFTEL IN RESPONSE
TO CHAD'S REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE ON DEALING WITH IRAN.
HE DID NOT PURSUE SUBJECT FURTHER.

2. WE MOVED ON TO SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATIONS AND HE
RECONFIRMED THAT WHILE PRESIDENT MALLOUM, IN HIS
PRESS CONFERENCE, HAD SAID THE QUESTION OF THE
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FRONTIER AND OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WERE
INTERRELATED, THIS SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS MEANING
THE TWO PROBLEMS SHOULD BE SOLVED TOGETHER. IN
FACT, CHAD GREATLY PREFERS THE TWO PROBLEMS BE
TREATED SEPARATELY AND IS PURSUING NEGOTIATIONS
ALONG THESE LINES. CHADIAN TEAM LEAVES FOR
LIBREVILLE TOMORROW TO ENGAGE IN O.A.U. SPONSORED

FRONTIER NEGOTIATIONS; ALTHOUGH DJIME POINTED OUT THAT MOST RECENT INFORMATION FROM LIBREVILLE WAS THAT LIBYA WOULD NOT BE ATTENDING. AT THE SAME TIME, PARALLEL BILATEAL NEGOTIATIONS ARE BEING CONDUCTED WITH VARIOUS REBEL LEASDRS TOWARDS NATIONAL RECONCILIATION. DJIME IS NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THESE NEGOTIATIONS. HE POINTS OUT THE MOST POWERFUL LEADER, GOUKOUNI, HAS REFUSED ALL OVERTURES AND WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO DO SO AS LONG AS HE IS RECIPIENT OF MAJOR LIBYAN SUPPORT. OTHER LEASERS HESITATE TO JEOPARDIZE THEIR LONG-TERM POSITION BY APPEARING TO NEGOTIATE WITH A WEAK GOVERNMENT WHEN REBEL STAR IS AT ITS ZENITH. DJIME DID NOT THINK NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE FRUITFUL UNTIL CHADIAN GOVERNMENT COULD OPERATE FROM POSITION OF GREATER STRENGTH.

3. DJIME CONTINUED THAT MORE EQUIPMENT AND MEN WERE ARRIVING IN NORTHERN CHAD FROM LIBYA AND THAT HE EXPECTED HOSTILITIES TO BE REOPENED, PROBABLY IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, AROUND FAYA LARGEAU OR OUINIANGA KEBIR.(FYI: FRENCH MILITARY FEEL FORMER COULD PROBABLY RESIST REBEL ASSAULT BUT LATER WOULD FALL.) BRADFORD

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